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SUBJECT: FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS ON HUMAN RIGHTS
IN INDIA

THERE FOLLOWS DRAFT Q AND A ON LABOR AND THE EMERGENCY
WHICH WE HAVE PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE USE BY DUBS IN HIS
APPEARANCE BEFORE THE FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 23
AFTERNOON. APPRECIATE RECEIVING EMBASSY COMMENT/REVISION
BY OPENING OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 23.

Q. IS THE GOI ANTI-LABOR? HASN'T IT BANNED STRIKES UNDER
THE EMERGENCY, PROSECUTING LABOR UNIONS AND LABOR LEADERS?

A. THE GOI, AS PART OF ITS EFFORT TO CURB INFLATION AND
INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY, HAS USED THE EMERGENCY TO ENFORCE
INCREASED LABOR DISCIPLINE AND ANTI-INFLATION MEASURES.
GOI ACTIONS HAVE INCLUDED A BAN ON STRIKES RESULTING IN
INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY. MOST INDIAN LABOR LEADERS HAVE
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SUPPORTED THESE GOVERNMENT MEASURES AS HAVE MOST CONGRESS

PARTY LEADERS. SOME LABOR LEADERS WHO HAVE EXPRESSED
DEFIANCE HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AND JAILED. HABIB

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